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**PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 101.0070-02
Customer No. 22882**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Confirmation No.: 2538
Gary K. Michelson)
Serial No.: 09/970,294) Group Art Unit: 3732
Filed: October 2, 2001) Examiner: M. Priddy
For: SCREWS OF CORTICAL BONE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE)
THEREOF)

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action dated July 13, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.

Amendment After Final 10-7-04.doc

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